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SUBJ: TRYBUNA LUDU STATEMENT ON WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE ACTIVITIES  
  
REF: WARSAW 3597

1. SUMMARY: TRYBUNA LUDU OF MAY 20 CARRIES A MAJOR UNSIGNED EDITORIAL REFERRING TO THE PYJAS DEATH AND CHARGING THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE (WDL) WITH WHAT AMOUNTS TO ANTI-POLISH ACTIVITIES. THE EDITORIAL ASSERTS THESE EFFORTS ARE FUTILE. IT AVOIDS MENTION OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST WDL MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TRYBUNA LUDU EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "AGAINST THE NATIONAL INTEREST OR THE WILDERNESS OF PROVOCATION", PRESENTS THE DEATH OF PYJAS AS A "TRAGIC EVENT" WHICH "TROUBLEMAKERS" HOPED TO EXPLOIT TO "REGAIN THEIR STANDING" AMONG ENEMY POLITICAL FORCES  
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IN THE WEST. IT SAID THAT, THANKS TO EVIDENCE THAT INTERNAL POLISH POLICIES WERE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT, INTEREST IN POLAND AMONG ANTI-COMMUNIST AND COLD-WAR ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM IN THE WEST DROPPED, RESULTING IN A "FIASCO" FOR THE FORCES OF THE "SO-CALLED WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE."

3. THE EDITORIAL CONTENTS THAT MANY CIRCLES IN THE WEST DEPEND

ON THE COLD WAR FOR THEIR EXISTENCE AND THAT THE WDL WAS "TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOMS" IN POLAND TO COLLABORATE WITH SUCH FORCES. IT NAMES JACEK KURON, ADAM MICHNIK, ANTONI MACIEREWICZ, JAN LIPSKI, AND SEWERYN BLUMSZTAJN AND ASSERTS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THEM "ALREADY DISPLAYED THEIR ANTI-SOCIALIST POSITIONS IN 1968". THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT THE "ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM" FIND NO SUPPORT FOR THEIR IDEAS IN MODERN POLAND, WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASED SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY, WIDER CONSULTATION WITH SOCIETY, AND INCREASING FULFILLMENT OF THE IDEAS OF POPULAR RULE.

4. COMMENT: THE TRYBUNA LUDU EDITORIAL IS A FIRMLY WORDED ATTACK AGAINST THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE. UNLIKE THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL OF MAY 18 (REF), HOWEVER, IT AVOIDS INNUENDO. MOREOVER, IT CONTAINS AN IMPLICIT ADMISSION THAT WESTERN CRITICISM OF POLAND DIMINISHES WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED. THIS NEGATES THE PROPAGANDA LINE LAST FALL THAT WESTERN CRITICISM OF POLAND HAS BEEN FORCED TO A HIGHER PITCH BY THE SUCCESSES OF "SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY". ADDITIONALLY, WDL MEMBERS ARE ACCUSED OF ACTIONS FOR WHICH THEY COULD BE PROSECUTED, BUT THE ARTICLE DOES NOT DWELL ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS. INSTEAD, IT CRITICIZES THE WDL FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CIVIL FREEDOMS AFFORDED IT. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT DEBATE, THIS APPEARS TO BE A MODERATE FORMULATION. END COMMENT.

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